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FOR SCA, FBO, ARA/MGT FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR SPACE IN NEW CHANCERY BUILDING

REF: GUATEMALA 1420

1. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GREAT APPRECIATION TO ALL CONCERNED FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THIS MISSION IN SENDING VISA OFFICE DIRECTOR JOHN DIGGINS TO GUATEMALA AT MY REQUEST TO SURVEY THE CONSULAR SPACE IN THE NEW CHANCERY BUILDING AND TO GIVE HIS ADVICE AS TO WHAT MODIFICATIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO MEET CHANGED OPERATING CONDITION.

2. MR. DIGGINS HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON CARRYING HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH, AS ANNOTATED, HAVE THE CONCURRENCE OF THE FBO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR AND THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION AS WELL AS MY OWN FULL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT. I BELIEVE THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MODERATE AND REALISTIC AND SHOULD INVOLVE RELATIVELY MODEST COST. THEY SHOULD ENABLE THE CONSULAR SECTION TO DEAL EFFICIENTLY WITH CURRENT CHANGED OPERATING CONDITIONS, WHICH WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO FORESEE WHEN THE ORIGINAL PLANS WERE MADE, AS WELL AS RETAIN FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST TO POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK LOAD DEVELOPMENT OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. MOREOVER, I BELIEVE THAT IF UNDERTAKEN PROMPTLY, THE RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS SHOULD NOT DELAY THE COMPLETION DATE OF THE BUILDING.

3. I SHOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE SPLENDID PERFORMANCE OF MR. DIGGINS WHO HAS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS SUPERLATIVE  
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ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL, HIS VISION AND

FORESIGHT, AND HIS SOUND, GOOD JUDGMENT. MY THANKS ALSO GO  
TO MR. H. CHAPMAN MARVEL, FBO REPRESENTATIVE HERE, UPON WHOSE  
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM I CONTINUE TO LEAN HEAVILY AND  
WHOSE COOPERATIVENESS, REALISM, AND "CAN-DO" SPIRIT ARE IN THE  
BEST TRADITION OF FBO.

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